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On behalf of the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN on Cambodia.

I should be grateful if you could arrange to have the statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mark HONG
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Annex

Statement by ASEAN Foreign Ministers on Cambodia

1. Recalling the statement by ASEAN Foreign Ministers on the elections in Cambodia of 18 May 1993, ASEAN welcomes and endorses the successful elections in Cambodia conducted by the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC). We support the declaration of the Secretary-General's Special Representative that the conduct of the elections was free and fair. The courage of the Cambodian people in coming out in large numbers to cast their votes clearly reflects their determination to have peace and to work for the reconstruction of Cambodia.

2. The Cambodian parties and the international community should respect fully the results of the elections. The elections have demonstrated that the Cambodian peace settlement worked out by the International Conference on Cambodia in Paris remains the viable solution for Cambodia and all parties should continue to respect the terms of this settlement.

3. We also support the efforts of H.R.H. Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk to unify the Cambodian people and to bring about national reconciliation. A calm and stable political climate will contribute to the drafting of the constitution and the peaceful establishment of a new government in accordance with the terms of the constitution.

4. We urge all parties concerned to refrain from acts which might lead to renewed hostilities or even civil war in Cambodia. ASEAN reaffirms its full respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of a united Cambodia. We reaffirm our commitment to non-interference in internal affairs of Cambodia and call upon all the countries concerned, particularly the neighbouring countries of Cambodia, to do the same.

5. The United Nations and the international community should remain engaged in Cambodia, to support the elected constituent assembly which will draft the constitution in the interim period and establish a new government. Pending the establishment of a new government, UNTAC should continue to exercise the responsibilities assigned to it in accordance with the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and establish conditions that will permit the administrative and security apparatus in Cambodia to function effectively under UNTAC's control during the interim period. The United Nations and the international community should continue to assist and support the new Cambodian government after this interim period to strengthen the peace and development which the Cambodian people have so courageously affirmed through the polls.

6. We commend all the personnel of UNTAC for their courage and dedication in the endeavour to bring peace to Cambodia, and we congratulate the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Yasushi Akashi, for his leadership in bringing about the successful elections in Cambodia. We pay special tribute to UNTAC personnel and volunteers especially those who sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties for the cause of peace in Cambodia.